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This is responsive to the requirement for election of species mailed March 8,

In response to the election requirement, applicant hereby elects the species of Fig. 1. The claims readable on the elected species are claims 1-6 and 15-22.

The application is believed to be in condition for examination and allowance, and such action is earnestly requested.

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